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FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS TO PRESS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT

SADAT AFTER THEIR MEETING AT SADAT'S BARRAGE RESIDENCE, FEBRUARY 12:

QUOTE

QUESTION: IS THERE GOING TO BE A STATEMENT?

SADAT: YES, DR KISSINGER WILL TELL YOU.

KISSINGER: THE PRESIDENT AND I REVIEWED THE WHOLE SITUATION. FIRST WE MET AS DELEGATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY, UNDER-SECRETARY SISCO, AND AMBASSADOR EILTS. AFTERWARDS THE PRESIDENT AND I MET ALONE FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS FOR A DETAILED REVIEW OF EVERY ASPECT OF THE SITUATION. I THINK WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN CLARIFYING THE ISSUES AND INDICATING THE DIRECTIONS IN WHICH A SOLUTION SHOULD BE FOUND. AND WE WILL CONTINUE OUR TALKS THIS EVENING AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT FURTHER PROGRESS WILL BE MADE. IN FACT I'M CONFIDENT THAT FURTHER PROGRESS WILL BE MADE.

QUESTION: DO YOU EXPECT A CHANGE IN PROGRAM AND COME BACK AGAIN IN THE COMING FEW DAYS?

KISSINGER: NOT IN THE COMING FEW DAYS, BUT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

QUESTION: THIS WILL HELP YOUR MISSION IN ISRAEL, SIR?

KISSINGER: I DON'T HAVE A MISSION TO ANY PARTICULAR COUNTRY. MY MISSION IS TO HELP BRING PEACE TO THE AREA. AND I FIND THAT MY TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT TODAY WERE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE IN THAT DIRECTION.

QUESTION: ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC NOW?

KISSINGER: AS I INDICATED, I THINK WE INDICATED THE DIRECTION IN WHICH PROGRESS CAN BE MADE.

QUESTION: YOU MEAN YOU ARE MORE HOPEFUL THAN BEFORE, DR. KISSINGER?

QUESTION: ARE YOU SATISFIED, MR. PRESIDENT?

SADAT: YES, I AM SATISFIED. WE HAD VERY FRUITFUL TALKS AND THEN WE SHALL BE RESUMING THESE TALKS BECAUSE MINISTER FAHMY WAS VERY KIND TO INVITE ME FOR DINNER WITH DR. KISSINGER (LAUGHTER).

FAHMY: IT IS MY HONOR, MR. PRESIDENT.

QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, YOU SEEM A LITTLE BIT SUBDUED TODAY, NOT AS HAPPY AS YOU WERE BEFORE AFTER SOME OF THESE TALKS.

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SADAT: HOW, HOW CAN YOU REACH THIS CONCLUSION?

QUESTION: WELL, WE'RE REDUCED TO THAT SOMETIMES.'

SADAT: NOT AT ALL. NOT AT ALL. I'M VERY HAPPY. AS I TOLD YOU, I AM OPTIMISTIC.

QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC THAT YOU WILL SEE AND EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM THE SINAI PASSES AND FROM

THE OIL FIELDS?

SADAT: WELL, AS DR. KISSINGER SAID, WE HAVE MADE A SURVEY FOR THE WHOLE PROBLEM AND I THINK THIS IS QUITE SUFFICIENT FOR THE MOMENT.

QUESTION: WELL, I WONDERED IF YOUR OPTIMISM EXTENDED FROM SOMETHING PHYSICAL ON THE GROUND IN THE WAY OF WITHDRAWAL?

SADAT: WELL, I'M ALWAYS OPTIMISTIC WHEN I RECEIVE MY FRIEND HENRY.

QUESTION: DR. KISSINGER, IS YOUR VISUALIZATION OF THE NEXT STEPS ALREADY MADE?

KISSINGER: WELL, THE BASIC PROBLEM IS TO BRING PEACE TO THE ENTIRE AREA AND THAT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM. IN REACHING THAT, THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE INDIVIDUAL STEPS AND I PERSONALLY HAVE SOME IDEAS WHAT THESE STEPS WHAT THESE MIGHT BE IN THE CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL PEACE.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU MEAN ONE COUNTRY AT A TIME?

KISSINGER: WELL, I DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE ON HOW THESE VARIOUS STAGES MIGHT GET CARRIED OUT.

QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, DO YOU FEEL THAT THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN POSITIONS ARE RECONCILABLE?

SADAT: WELL, YOU SHOULD ASK DR. KISSINGER THIS.

QUESTION DR. KISSINGER?

KISSINGER: I'M HERE BECAUSE I THINK THEY'RE RECONCILABLE.

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